



ARC-OVER

March 2015

Hello all,
This is Stan, KJ6BKZ.
Regarding the ARC-OVER newsletter

First off, thank you so much Phyllis for all your hard work, time and effort in doing a great job on putting together the ARC-OVER.

So, the editor job for the ARC-OVER is open to anyone wanting to give it a try.
Enter KJ6BKZ.

That being said, I'm going to *attempt* to put out the ARC-OVER.

I'll let you know up front that this is a new endeavor for me and have sooo much to learn in putting out a newsletter. Phyllis has been so kind to meet with me to give me pointers and tips, pretty much being my tutor, thank you Phyllis.

This is my first attempt, a test ARC-OVER if you will.

Please email me, kj6bkz@yahoo.com, with any advice or comments you might have to assist me in making the newsletter better.

Also please, please email me with anything you'd like me to put into the newsletter like an article you've found or pictures or whatever. The ARC-OVER is *your* newsletter and your participation would be greatly appreciated.

I'll be badgering the members for input at our regular meetings. LOL

Enough of my rambling on,

73

Stan KJ6BKZ

7:00 p.m. Ron Roos, KJ6KNL, Our honorable President called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance, All members and guests introduced themselves

Sign in sheet was sent around, Ron asked all to sign in

Old business; Minutes from our last meeting on 2-10-2015 were discussed. Ron, made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dinnie, N6TLW, seconded the motion.

Mike Smith gave a detailed Treasurer's report. We currently have 57 dues paid members.

Presentation by Vice President, Dick Decker, K6SUU on Thailand, including diving, elephants and architecture.

Dick discussed the surveys of interest for presentations at our meetings. The surveys indicated the following as the top five;

- 1) Satellite Communications
- 2) HF DX
- 3) Echo Link
- 4) Space Stations
- 5) Field Day

Dick explained the he has a space station radio that he will set up so that members can contact the space station. A sign up sheet will be available and Dick will contact those interested.

ARC OVER Ron discussed the ARC OVER. He inquired if there were any volunteers to take this over as Phyllis will no longer be doing this. No members volunteered at this time.

Ron asked for a report by the Repeater Committee. Grady Williams, K6IXA, stated that all was quiet on the hill. Spencer continued by stating that they are in the process of fixing the repeater.

Grady will check on some information regarding our purchasing of batteries. He will come to the next meeting with a proposal on the battery purchase.

Upcoming Events

Red Monkey Swap: March 28

Coffee with the Hams: 8:30am on Saturdays at the Merced Mall Food Court area

Board Meeting: April 8

Spring Auction: April 11 see w6bxn.org for further information and pictures

General Meeting: April 14

Board Meeting: May 6

General Meeting: May 12

[Pacificon](#) October 16th – 18th San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon

Auction April 11, 2015

The fall 2015 auction will be held April 11th at Crossroads Church, 1360 N Johnson, Corner of Johnson & Arbor, Turlock CA. Doors open at 8:00 AM, Auction begins at 9:00 AM. **There will be a \$5 charge to obtain a bidder's paddle.**

If you are bringing equipment please send to pix to gradyw@elite.net...

de Grady, K6IXA Auctioneer

For more info and pictures, go to: w6bxn.org

Did You Know?

- **Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest**

Grady doing his thing on Mt.





COFFEE WITH A HAM

It's **eyeball QSO time** in Merced. Join local radio operators for "Coffee with a Ham" at the Food Court near the inside Sear's entrance at the Merced Mall this Saturday (**March 28**) at 8:30 a.m. Drop by for coffee and conversation. The invitation is for all Hams. YLs, XYLs & SWLs are welcome.

TARC PHONE NETS, ETC.

75m -- A SSB net on 75 meters for the **Turlock Amateur Radio Club** is scheduled to take place on Tuesdays at **7 p.m.** on **3.930**. No activity here lately.

2m -- The TARC VHF repeater net on **147.030** follows the Tuesday HF net at **7:30 p.m.** Anyone interested in acting as Net Control may offer during the net. There is no 2m net on meeting night (second Tuesday of the month).

10m -- Another SSB net for TARC members and visitors is held on 10m. This net is scheduled each **Thursday at 7p.m. on 28.405.**

CW – And for Morse buffs, **K6RAU/Fred** reminds TARC members that he and **N6AWH/Dee** are active on the Northern California Net (slow-speed CW; part of the ARRL National Traffic System) on **3.533/2100 Pacific Time/365 days a year.**

2m -- **The Beer and Pizza Net** uses the TARC 2m repeater (**147.030**) weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Topics include weather & traffic.

SELL or TRADE

KO6BB/Phil says ...

FOR SALE, price reduced:

Icom R-71A receiver. This one has the optional 250Hz CW filter installed, as well as the PBT (variable IF Bandwidth), that was removed from later versions. Internal AC power supply as well as the 12VDC input option. Plays well, this one is actually my favorite receiver for general SWLing and Broadcast Band listening. These have long been considered one of the premier solid state receivers, they've been used in embassies and government agencies worldwide.

I recently aligned it and it's all ready for DXing! I was going to keep this one as it's my favorite receiver for general listening, but I have decided to buy a new transceiver and every little bit helps.

ASKING \$250, *picked up in Merced.*

73 de Phil, KO6BB/KO6BB1@Gmail.com

<http://www.qsl.net/ko6bb/> (Web Page)

Do you have any "wants, trades or sell" items? If so, send me e-mail with the item, your call, and contact info. I will run it for a couple of weeks. I need your info by daytime Wednesday to be included in the e-mail reminder going out Wednesday night. If you sell a listed item, please let me know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **Red Monkey and the Central Valley Radio Club** are hosting an open house, swap meet and VE test session this Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The location is at 5367 N. Golden State in Fresno. See more details at the W6BXN web site.

-- **The TARC Spring Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, at the Crossroads Church, 1360 N. Johnson Road, Turlock. More details available at the W6BXN web site.

-- **Beginners Code Course.** For those wanting to learn Morse Code, the following links should help. It is a course for beginners...

URLs: <http://www.pdarrrl.org/K6RAU/> and <http://kj6art.com/>

-- **Fresno area hams** invite you to their *10 meter net:*

Wednesdays

CW - 28.140 @ 7 p.m. SSB - 28.445 @ 8 p.m.

-- The Mariposa Area Amateur Radio Net airs Mondays at 7 p.m. on the **W6PPM Repeater 146.745 - pl 123**.

-- **Merced County ARES** meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., at the County Health Dept., (15th & D streets).

-- Visit www.w6bxn.org/ for club info and to check TARC event participation. Also read the monthly **Arc-Over** newsletter! E-mail me (kd6dkc@comcast.net) before Thursday about news you would like to share via the coffee reminder.

DX ACTIVITY NOTED LOCALLY

-- DX was rather elusive this week, but the **Czech Republic and Japan** were active on 15m and a **Netherlands Antilles** station caused a pileup on 10m.

ON THE BANDS

-- *The CQ Worldwide WPX Contest in SSB* will be held this weekend on 160 through 10m. The exchange is RS and contact number.

PROPAGATION

The latest solar flux figure is 138, up from 115 last week. The latest sunspot count is 127, up from last week's 60.

E-MAIL LIST

If you know anyone who would like to be added to this e-mail list please give me the name, Ham call (if they have one), and e-mail address. If anyone wants to drop from this list just e-mail me with name and e-address.

QSL TIPS

The domestic letter postage (1st Class Forever) is 49 cents and post card stamps are 34 cents.

The 1st Class Global Forever stamp, selling for \$1.15, is good for US letters sent to ALL foreign lands, including Canada and Mexico.

The U.S. Postal Service no longer sells international reply coupons (IRCs).

If you want to QSL DX stations directly you need to include an SAE in your envelope and two or three "green stamps" (aka US dollars) for return postage. European postage is high and many DX stations won't QSL directly unless

reimbursed. Using envelopes to send QSL cards is costly, but postal sorting machines often mutilate unprotected cards.

Old forever stamps are valid for First Class domestic postage regardless of the original price paid.

To thwart postal thieves overseas, don't use call signs on your envelopes and avoid unusual stamps that might draw attention to your letter. Using the ARRL outgoing bureau is cheaper than direct mail but much slower. **To reduce postage costs and speed up replies, save up several outgoing cards for a particular country and send them together in one envelope directly to that country's QSL bureau.** Turnaround time is often cut in half. A list of foreign bureau addresses

can be found online at the IARU web page (www.iaru.org/iaruqsl.html). Or, consider using the eQSL, Logbook of the World or QRZ.COM logging programs that supplement postal verifications with Internet confirmations (electronic QSLs are not universally accepted for awards).

Have a great week, work some DX and keep CW alive. See you Saturday morning at the Merced Mall Food Court.

73,

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